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GET TO SAFETY, PLEASE!

PWEEN SPINGTANG CHING

AHHH! MAN, THAT BURNS!

FFSSSHHH

BRRRRRRD

PWEEN SPINGTANG CHING

BRRRRRRD

CRACK

OOOWWW, I GIVE UP!

SIZZRAK

--NOT.

SHUCK

ALL RIGHT, ENOUGH OF THIS.

IF YOU CAN'T USE YOUR HANDS CORRECTLY, YOU CAN'T USE THEM AT ALL.

KRUNCH

FWOOOM
SSSSSSSSSS
AAH! MY HAND!
KILL THE BOOT JETS AND HOLD STILL YOU WHINY LITTLE BABY.
SUPERMAN!
SSSSSSSSSSSS
CHUNK
CHSSSHHHHHH
SUPERMAN?!
SPOOSH

SZZRAK
SZZRAK
CHOOOM

SUPERMAN?!
IS HE DOWN THERE?
I'M GOING TO BE REALLY MAD IF SOMEONE GOT TO HIM BEFORE...
THOOM
SPISH
SPISH
SPISH
TSSSSSSSS

SUPERMAN?!
YOU--
--PEOPLE--
--ARE--
--CRAZY!
IS SHE GETTING BIGGER?

OUCH.
KA-BOOM!
WIND IT UP AGAIN, STEEL, I THINK YOU MISSED A COUPLE.
?!
CRACK

HNGG!
CLANG
SSZZAAAACK
GET OFF!
SUPERBOY! LOOK OUT!
SORRY! I KNOCKED HIM OUT, BUT HIS HANDS ARE MECHANICALLY CONTROLLED!
FSSSSSS
CAN YOU DISCONNECT THEM FROM THE FUEL SUPPLY?
I'D NEED A SET OF WRENCHES, OR SOMETHING-- MAYBE A BLAST OF--
NO.
OH, NO--

28-B
WHAT--?
OH
KREEEE
KOOOM
CHOOHEEEHOOOHEEE
REEE-CREACKEEE

CHEESH
28-B
HNNGGGH! COME ON! HOLD IT TOGETHER!
REEEEEE

KOOM
THOOM
BOOOOM
YOU ALL RIGHT?
REEE
CRICK
SPIK
I TRIED TO STOP IT, AND IT JUST FOLDED--
PASH
DAMN, IT WENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH
FWOOOM

AND WE'RE DOWN OUR STRONGEST PLAYER
THE S.C.U.* CAN HANDLE THIS, WONDER WOMAN!
*SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT ED
YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD. COME ON OUT OF THERE
UH, PEOPLE, THE BAD GUYS ARE REGROUPING AND THEY'RE COMING RIGHT FOR US!
LEAVITT! BENNION! SEE TO THE WOUNDED!
SKEETER, YOU AND THE REST, DROP EVERY SPANDEX PERP ON SIGHT!
YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING STRONGER THAN BULLETS IN THAT THING!
I DO.

NO, LIEUTENANT.
I'LL HANDLE THIS.
SHLUMPF
SO. YOU ALL THINK YOU CAN MAKE A REP FOR YOURSELVES BY TAKING ME OUT IN MY WEAKENED CONDITION?
MAYBE. I'M WOUNDED AND TIRED, AND NOT IN FULL CONTROL OF MYSELF
BUT THE NEED TO PROTECT INNOCENT LIVES COUPLED WITH MY WEAKNESS HAS NOW BECOME YOUR PROBLEM.
SEE -- MY ENORMOUS STRENGTH REQUIRES AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF CONTROL.
YOU HUMAN BEINGS ARE SUCH FRAGILE THINGS. YOU BREAK PRETTY EASILY
SO I'M WARNING YOU NOW, THAT IF YOU PERSIST IN THIS INSANITY --
YOU'RE BLUFFING --

"AAAIEEEE!
WHAM
HOOF

WHO ELSE IS STUPID ENOUGH TO THINK I'M BLUFFING?

MAYBE YOU GUYS CAN GO TRACK THEM DOWN.
I'M GOING TO BE BUSY PASSING OUT.
SUPERMAN?!
HE'S FADING. LET'S GET HIM INTO—

HIS INVULNERABILITY WAS ALREADY ASSERTING ITSELF AS THEY WERE STITCHING HIM UP.
SOME OF THE BULLET HOLES MAY TAKE A WHILE TO HEAL, BUT HE SHOULD BE..
YOU LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?
WHAT?
WHAT KIND OF QUESTION IS THAT?
AN EDUCATED ONE.
DO YOU LOVE HIM?

YOU SAW HIM, TODAY.
LUNGS PUNCTURED, STAB WOUNDS, HOLES RIDDLING HIS BODY-- AND HE'S STILL THINKING OF OTHERS.
PROTECTING THE INNOCENTS. THE VICTIMS. THE WOUNDED.
OF COURSE I LOVE HIM.
AS A FRIEND, SUPERBOY.
AS THE HERO HE IS. AS A MAN WHOSE WIFE IS SOMEONE WHO TRUSTS ME -- AND AS A MAN I ADMIRE AND CARE FOR PLATONICALLY.
IT IS POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW.
I'M SURE THAT'S HARD TO EVEN IMAGINE FOR A TEENAGER IN FULL HORMONAL BLOOM--
--BUT A MAN AND A WOMAN CAN BE JUST FRIENDS.
ALL RIGHT. I GET THE POINT.
NOW, HOW ARE WE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM? I FIGURED WE COULD TAKE SHIFTS UNTIL LOIS GETS BACK.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHEN SHE'S GETTING BACK. I COULDN'T REACH HER AND HAVE NO IDEA WHERE SHE IS.
THEN THAT LEAVES ONLY US FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, DOESN'T IT?
WHO ELSE KNOWS AND CAN KEEP HIS SECRET, AND IS WILLING TO SPEND UNLIMITED TIME CARING FOR HIM?
ME.

I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE CARING FOR HIM.
To Be Continued